

In re Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A quick release system for mounting a back rest on a motorcycle, the system comprising:

a side bracket plate having a first notch extending inwardly generally horizontally from an end of the side bracket plate, and a second notch extending generally upwardly into the side bracket plate from a bottom thereof, the first and second notches being configured to receive a bolt head,

a linearly slidable retaining means mounted to the side bracket plate for selectively allowing movement of a bolt head into the second notch,

wherein the slidable retaining means comprises a retaining pin slidable between a first position, wherein the pin prevents movement of a bolt head out of the second notch, and a second position, wherein the retaining pin does not prevent movement of a bolt head out of the second notch;

a handle attached to the retaining pin such that movement of the handle away from the second notch moves the retaining pin from the first position to the second position; and

further comprising a locking means, wherein the locking means comprises a locking pin.

2. (Original) The quick release system according claim 1, further comprising at least one semi-circular grommet disposed along one of the notches.

3. (Currently Cancelled)

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4. (Currently Amended) The quick release system according to claim 3 1, wherein the retaining pin is biased into the first position.

5. (Currently Cancelled)

6 - 7. (Currently Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The quick release system according to claim 7 1, wherein the side bracket plate has a locking notch and wherein the locking pin extends into the locking notch to prevent movement of the handle away from the second notch.

9. (Currently Amended) The quick release system according to claim 7 1, wherein the side bracket plate has a locking notch and wherein the locking pin extends into the locking notch to prevent movement of the handle away from the second notch.

10. (Currently Amended) The quick release system according to claim 7 1, wherein the side bracket plate further comprises a guide channel formed therein, and wherein the handle slides along the guide channel.

11. (Currently Amended) The quick release system according to claim 7 1, wherein the side bracket plate further comprises a guide channel formed therein, and wherein the handle slides along the guide channel.

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12. (Original) The quick release system according to claim 1, further comprising locking means for selectively preventing movement of the slidable retaining means.

13. (Currently Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The quick release system according to claim ~~13~~ 1, wherein the side bracket plate has a locking hole and wherein the locking pin extends into the locking hole to prevent movement of the retaining means.

15. (Currently Amended) The quick release system according to claim ~~13~~ 1, wherein the side bracket plate has a locking notch and wherein the locking pin extends into the locking notch to prevent movement of the slidable retaining means away from the second notch.

16. (Currently Amended) The quick release system according to claim ~~13~~ 1, wherein the locking pin is spring loaded to bias the locking pin into a locking position.

17. (Original) The quick release system according to claim 1, wherein the system further comprises at least one bolt, the bolt having a bolt head with a generally annular channel formed therein, the bolt head being configured for nesting in the second notch.

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18. (Original) The quick release system according to claim 17, wherein the system comprises two bolts each having a generally annular channel formed therein and each being configured for nesting in one of the first and second notches.

19. (Previously Amended) The quick release system according to claim 17, wherein the bolt head further comprises a second annular channel.

20. (Original) The quick release system according to claim 17, wherein the bolt head further comprises female threaded portion.

22 - 27. (Currently Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A quick release system for mounting a backrest on a motorcycle, the system comprising:

a side bracket plate having a first, forward notch extending inwardly generally horizontally from a front end of the side bracket plate, and a second notch disposed adjacent a back end of the side bracket, extending generally upwardly into the side bracket plate from a bottom thereof, the first and second notches being configured to receive a bolt head;

a slidable retaining pin mounted to the side bracket plate, rearwardly from the second notch from selectively allowing movement of a bolt head into the second notch, the slidable retaining pin being movable between a first, forward position wherein the slidable retaining pin prevents advancement of a bolt head into the our of the notch, and a second position wherein the

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retaining pin allows movement of the bolt head into or out of the notch, and wherein the retaining pin is biased into the first position;

further comprising a locking member for selectively preventing movement of the slidable retaining pin into the second position, wherein the slidable retaining pin is attached to a handle and wherein the locking member is disposed in the handle

29- 30. (Currently Cancelled).

31. (Currently Amended) The quick release system for mounting a backrest according to claim ~~30~~ 28, wherein a locking notch is disposed in the side bracket plate and wherein the locking member is biased to extend into the locking notch.

32. (Currently Amended) The quick release system for mounting a backrest according to claim ~~31~~ 28, wherein the locking member moves perpendicular to the slidable retaining pin.

33. (Currently Amended) The quick release system for mounting a backrest according to claim 28, further comprising a handle which slides along the side bracket plate.

34 - 35. (Currently Cancelled)

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